THE SUBS. Sol Diebold of New Hamburg is here with three; August Deck of and bake-shops. Bell City sent in two, and Early Blinkard of near Bleda, one. Benton .- T. B. C. Turner,

New Hamburg .- Albert Blattel. W. W. Herring. Oran.-L. A. Schaefer. Enderle.

Morley.-J. W. Bowman. Bell City.-August Schlitt, Aug-

T. J. Browning, Jackson; Sam Gentry, Randles: R. C. Swan. Puxico; E. F. Fields, Farmington.

J. P. MORGAN DEAD. Pulo Congressional committee.

Wonderful how sensitive these great" men are. Lawyers can New Madrid and Caruthersville. "raw-hide" you and I on the witness stand and we don't break down-not often-but a financier. he can't stand it.

Here is the controlling force of the industries of this country a corpse-and not a wheel refuses to revolve. Everything goes right on with less interruption than if a switchman on a railroad should sprain an ancle.

Yet a majority of people are educated to believe that the Morgans are necessary to the devel- the hills. opment and operation of industry

When Morgan's slaves go on strikr, then production ceases. But Morgan plays no useful part in production, hence his disappearance interferes with nothing except, possibly, the stock gam-

But what I would like to know is in. It is easy enough to catch en harps, golden crowns, and so on, but what would Morgan care

Of course Morgan is in heaven. that wasn't be a great philan- day and water is pouring over thopist and gave freely to church Belmont. and charity? Yet it is writen pass through the eye of a needle east Missouri, issued this warning kingdom of heaven."

I say it is written. But you couldn't get the "eminent divin- is now in sight. My opinion is es" to preach that. It is also that the water on the Cairo writen that "the ass knoweth his gauge will reach close to 57 feet master's crib."

and West and North and South undating the Little River Valley. W. Dirnberger, John Gerst, John-comes the cry. Back to the land! even though the Point Pleasant in Costs. Fine music was furn-Blue sky overhead and green ville will get more than last year. grass under foot! Surrounded by Please post this notice to the sunshine and birds and trees and all growing things and the warmth of home—the warmth of home if warmth of home is warmth of home.

What does it mean? Why, it the opening paragraph of a leaflet sent to me from William Jewell College, Liberty, Mo. The pers are expected to reproduce the stuff as original, and many of them do. Not only the colleges what we could do about it." Of but the railroads, the state agri- course the Kicker does not know cultural departments and other what reason those people had. interests are boosting the "back and their reason may have been to the land" humbug.

means that they have been taking the hide off the farmer a little resilden and swallow the Drugs and School Supplies, tle bit too close, and that the elephant of a bond issue to build sons refuse to stand for the skin- a palatial place for their "serning and leaves the farm. The in- vants" to slosh around in. In view creased production does not keep of the tyranny by which the peoup with the increase in population ple of this county are ruled, is it and farm products are higher than they used to be. The remedy, according to our wise men, is will come down

But isn't that a roseate picture of farm life drawn by some fellow who, if on a farm would try to locate the cow that gives the butter milk? "Back to the land!" he says, "Back to the life of He might have added. And green-horns betwixt and

Babcock, of the Cape Normal. He is president of the Southeast Missouri Corn Circus—or "show," as the jurors wont all rush in at he calls it, and wants me to urge once after the gold piece. farmers to grow more corn. He says this was formerly only for twelve years ago, has returned

to it—and offers \$50. \$25 and \$10 back with \$500 more than he left with. That is \$41.66 per year that he "prospered." In the mean time he bought one farm in Dunklin county for \$850 and sold it for \$2.000. Then he bought a farm agree yield in Scott with.

All women and children were er the first row of blocks along aken out of Cairo Monday aftertaken out of Cairo Monday afternoon to places of safety.

Regiments of soldiers are there

doing relief work. All business houses are closed except drug stores, and butcher The lid is on the saloons tight.

Everybody is forced to work to help save the city. The worst is feared at Cairo-

for the river is still rising fast. but increased current has given hope that the levees somewhere below have broken. If so, this will relieve Cairo.

In Mound City and Shawnee town the situation is about the same as at Cairo, except that at Shawneetown late reports say the levee has a break. Commerce, in Scott county, put

on quite a millitary appearance York, the financial king of America, and possibly of the world, died here to be shipped into the floodin Rome. Italy, Monday. His doc-tor attributes his breakdown to stationed to patrol the levee at his having to testify before the Prices Landing and 150 were sent to Bryant's Landing. Other companies were sent to Birds Point

The islands about Commerce are beginning to flood and the stock has been brought to the main shore for safety.

The water is reported flowing over the levee at Bird's Point. and much territory south of us is flooded.

Late reports say the levee at Shawneetown, Ill., was cut to let the water in gradually, and women, children, the infirm and household goods were moved to

A report reached Benton Wednesday from Charleston that on Tuesday night at about 9 o'clock the situation at Cairo became so desperate that all hope of the leves holding against the flood was abandoned, and that the sewers were opened to let in the water so as to brace the levees from the homes of Mrs. Kiser and Mrs. is what sort of a heaven Morgan within. A stage of 57 feet is predicted, which is the highest since poor devils with promises of gold- 1815 and two feet higher than

the Cairo levee. A break in the Big Four levee for all these? He had all the gold above Cairo protecting a drainand all that gold could buy while age district of 7,000 acres, and berta, of Chaffee, were in Oran here. The chances are that if an in which many of Cairo's factoangel came along and offered ries and industries are located. Morgan a golden harp or crown has caused great damage and the hed kick it down stairs saying. "I water stands from 10 to 20 feet had my fill of gold before I came deep. A break also occurred in the levee at Columbus. Ky., 30 J. B. Finley, who has been conmiles below Cairo. The Defield fined to his bed, is better. You couldn't get an "eminent di- levee on the Missouri side 8 miles vine" to express a doubt about below Bird's Point, went out Mon-

A. J. Wheeler, engineer for a "that it is easier for a camel to number of levee districts in South than for a rich man to enter the to the mayors of towns along the

"The greatest flood since 1815 by Wednesday, April 9. The rivbridge about 1 to 1 1-2 feet deep-Back to the land! From East er than last year, completely in-Back to the life of greatest joy! levee should be held. Caruthers-

HERE AND YONDER.

Henry Koch and Arthur Clymer of Macedonia were here Wednesday. When asked what they school meeting and it will cut our school short. We came out to see what does it mean. Why it fact that people will gag a: the not a joke to speak of the officials as "servants."

"The courts of justice are the to raise more stuff so the price bulwark of our liberties," say the Democrats. And that's no lie. I butted up against one of their "bulwarks" last October and found it impregnable. It took their jury less than half an hour to say that I lied, and I can't discover when, where or how. It greatest joy! Blue skies over- has now been three weeks since nead and green grass under I offered a \$10-gold piece to anyone to SHOW me, and nobody has called for the gold piece. If it will do any good I will make it Here is another letter from Seth a \$20 gold piece. I've got plen-

Jonah Clymer, who moved away boys and girls, but he is going to to Commerce and bought the Totty place in the hills for \$1,800. He wants a 100-bushel an acre to the Kicker Jonah said he got State Normal for the best corn acre yield in Scott county.

Now, the Babcock proposition is all right and would be all right if yet had it not been for the natthing and would be all right if yet had it not been for the natthing and values on the farmer had any controll over the market. But what good does it do him to raise big crops when government reports prove that he gets less out of big crops than lityou are interested and want ther particulars write Seth took, Cape Girardeau, Mo. The Kicker hears a rumor that

THE FLOODS.

There is great activity along the lower Ohio and Mississippi rivers just now. The flood stage reached Cairo this week, and the reached Cairo this week, and the stage of the summer.

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the south side of the railroad.

Liuson Dabbs, secretary of the at Sol. Diebold's last week getting Socialist party of Scott county, rent corn. working to protect the levees and was here Friday. He has a call in pril 19. He thinks it about time to begin to get busy and hopes for a good attendance.

Grove, was here Friday. His son, Thomas, who married recently. will cultivate the Lane farm this day to escape the high water.. season.

here Monday on his way to Com- and was buried Monday. nerce-returning in the evening. An adjourned term of county court will meet here next Monday Frank Grant and J. H. Branam of Vanduser were here Friday. Miss Clara Smith visited at the Cape Monday and Tuesday. Frank Enderle was here Tues-

FROM ORAN. Rev. Ormsbee of Keytesville, Mo. representing the building committee of the Missouri Baptist Sanitarium, St. Louis, was in Oran getting pledges for payments toward erecting a \$150,000 ad- were fishing Sunday and dition to the present building on Taylor avenue. He preached an church Sunday morning.

S. K. Baker, who moved to Mississippi county a few weeks ago is back again, having been driven urday. out by the high water. There is nothing like being on dry ground from the swamps were here Sunin wet weather.

Our city election was a vry quiet affair, as there was no opposition to any of the candidates. Probably the excitement is being stored up for the mayorality election next spring.
The last number of the winter

lyceum course was given here in and the girls are all glad. the basement of the Methodist church Saturday night. Mr. D. Simpson and daughter.

Beaula, of Sandywoods, visited at Hughes, in Oran, Saturday, Otto Bugg of the Ridge, and Miss Beatrice Howell, teacher of the Bugg Ridge school, were here

Saturday. Monday.

a weeks visit in Kentucky Sunday Peter Dirnberger of Risco was here a few days last week.

Miss Adelle Comstock of Sikeston is in Oran on a visit. Judge Batts of Vanduser an Oran visitor Monday. Harry Lampert of Sikeston was in Oran Saturday.

FROM NEW HAMBURG.

A jolly crowd gathered at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Mike Glaus. last Sunday. Present were Mr. and Mrs. Ferdinand Bisher and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Gerst, Mr. and Mrs. Leo Gosche and daughter. John Bisher and wife, Albert Goetz and family A. shed by Phillip Legrand Tony Glaus and Gregor Glastetter.

Frank Glastetter, Otto Die-Diebold and sisters, the Misses A crowd of young pe Ollie and Sybilla, and the Misses dayed at Joe Blattle's. Mary and Minnie Herring and brother. Walter, attended church ed with Paul Enderle. at Benton Sunday and spent part of the evening with Mr. and Mrs. Phil. Hafner

August Heisserer and Clements

water is higher there than last According to this report the Louis Dannenmueller and wife year, and the city seems doomed. yardage is to be extended to cov-Albert Rockett and sons, Louis

> Phillip Schitter has had an adthis weeks' paper for a county dition built to his barn. Phil Wesmeeting at Morley, Saturday, A-trich and his carpenters did the dition built to his barn. Phil Westrich and his carpenters did the Harry and Hazel Crader came

Mrs. Katy T. Westrich spent or a good attendance.
T. B. C. Turner of near Hickory
Grove, was here Friday. His son,
Louis Hahn, who has been gone for some time, returned Satur-The 3-year-old daughter of Mr.

Dr. Winters of Oran passed thru and Mrs. Ed. Eichorn died Sunday The marriage of Albert Dirnberger to Miss Clara Mentz was announced here Sunday.

Jacob Urhahn, Willie Hahn, John Stike and Lawrence Reigert were at Chaffee Sunday. Henry Welter and wife Sunday afternoon with the family

of Phillip Westrich. Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Diebold and son Sundayed with his brother. Charles, and family. Jacob Diebold of Schererville

visited the family of his son Sol-David Westrich and Louis Hahr good luck.

John Dumey and George Koelexcellent sermon at the Baptist zer of Kelso were visitors here John Gangle of Benton visited

the family of John Linhardt Sat-Wendolin Heisserer and wife

Mrs. Louis Kilhoefner and children were at Oran on Saturday. '

Martin Glasstetter and son, Gregor, were at Oran Monday. Joe Bischer and sister, Miss Alvina, were at Kelso Sunday. Louis Hahn is back from Illinois The dance at Stike's hall was

FROM KELSO

well attended—as usual.

Well boys, what do you know about this. Victor Scherer took four zirls home from a party Sunday. Are you all waiting for Leap Year?

Barnie Scherer and his best girl and Mrs. L. Seyer spent Sunday with the family of John Seyer. Mrs. Chas. Logel and children Mrs. D. G. Pickett returned from and Mrs. Fred Gatewood of St. Louis are here visiting friends. Wm. Understall sold his farm to John Seyer and moved last week

to Louis Caleot's swamp farm. Mr. and Mrs. Albin Martin and children spent Sunday evening is responsible for the increasing tical power. By the intelligent with the family of W. Scherer. burden of armaments, the poverty and class-conscious use of these Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Ross went to Cape Girardeau Monday. Also

Mr. and Mrs. Albin Martin. Mr. and Mrs. August Kern and flicts mankind. children spent Sunday with the family of John Enderle. The marriage of Fred Brucker and Miss Louisa Widefield was

announced Sunday. Peter Caleot brought his wife from St. Louis last week and lo- preyed upon incessantly for the where to organize for economic cated at Kelso.

Miss Agness Leible of near New Hamburg attended church here Sunday. The Misses Emma and Bertha toll and darkened lives.

lie Goetz. Fine music was furn- Enderle were at Fornfelt Satur- manifest that all thoughtful ob. Victor Bollinger from near New

Hamburg was here Saturday. A crowd of young people Sun-Thomas and Lovie Ross Sunday

Otto Miller took his best girl to

FROM FORNFELT.

John Gavin, about 30 years old

mains were taken to Illinois for burial.

A large crowd attended the party at the residence of Fritz San- night. dere, which was given in honor of

John Eifert and Miss Elda Koch were quietly married at the home

J. L. Hill has returned from his

six months stay in Alabama. Louis Hillemann of Harveill is here on a weeks' visit. Dr. Hartle is able to be up and about again.

Mr. Chas. Martin of Price's Landing is visiting her sis-

ter, Mrs. James Vandike.
Tom Baty and family of Blodg-Many from here attended the ett spent Sunday with his parents dance at New Hamburg Monday Mr. and Mrs. James Baty. night. The Misses Mary Baty and Net-

busy making melon hills.

tie Calbert took the final examination at Benton. Miss Mary Kiser of Oran is visiting Miss Beulah Simpson. A number of our farmers are

FROM OWNESDY

ed States declares that the capithe problems confronting society.

al equipment of the nation has passed into the absolute control of passed into the absolute control of a plutocracy which exacts an annual tribute of millions of dollars from the producers. Unafraid of work for a living, whether by any organized resistance, it stretches out its greedy hands over the the soil, vastly outnumbers the in keeping with the increase prostill undeveloped resources of the capitalist class. Lacking effective ductiveness of machinery. nation-the land, the mines, the forests and the water powers of

every state in the union In spite of the multiplication of labor-saving machines and improved methods of industry which cheapen the cost of production, the share of the producers grows ever less, and the price of all the necessities of life steadily increase The boasted prosperity of this nation is for the owning class alone. To the rest it means only greater hardship and misery. The high cost of living is felt in every home Millions of wage-workers have italist groups. However they reseen the purchasing power of their wages decrease until life has become a desperate battle for

mere existence. Multitudes of unemployed walk the streets of our cities or trudge from state to state awaiting the will of the masters to move the wheels of industry.

The farmers in every state are plundered by the increasing pri-

class is exposed to poisonous conditions, to frightful and needless perils in life and limb; is walled

servants of the oppressors. Measearners of all other civilized nations have been smothered in committee without debate, and laws dustrial democracy. ostensibly designed to bring reformed into instruments for the exaction of further tribute. The growing unrest under oppression to the enactment of a variety of regulative measure, none of which has limited in any appreciable degree the power of plutoc-racy, and some of which have been perverted into means for increasing their power. Anti-trust laws, railroad restrictions and regulations, with the prosecutions, indictments and investigations based upon such legislation, have proved to be utterly futile and

like under the administrations of living.

Cleveland, McKinley, Roosevelt 8. The extension of the public

In addition to this legislative juggling and this executive connivance, the courts of America have sanctioned and strengthened the hold of this plutocracy as the Dred Scott and other decisions strengthened the slave power before the civil war.

We declare, therefore, that the longer sufferance of these conditions is impossible, and we purpose to end them all. We declare these to be the product of the present system in which industry Who earns Bread in the Sweat of his face should be a patron of his face should be a patron of stancial relief except thru Socialism, under which industry will be carried on for the common good, and every worker receive the full and every worker receive the full social value of the wealth he cre-

> Society is divided into warring groups and classes, based upon material interests. Fundamentalgroups and classes, based upon democratic management of the material interests. Fundamentally, this struggle is a conflict between the two main classes, one of which, the capitalist class, owns the means of production, and the other, the working class, must use works to be engaged directly by these means of production on the the government under a work-

gives to any order of society- talist class.

hand or brain, in shop, mine or on organization and class solidarity, 2. By securing to every worker this class is unable to enforce its a rest period of not less than a will. Given such class solidarity day and a half in each week. make all laws and control all in- and mines.

dustry in their own interest. pression of economic and class in-terests. All other parties than the 5. By Socialist party represent one or another group of the ruling capitalist class. Their political contains the benefit of convicts and their flicts reflect merely superficial dependents. rivairies between competing capof real value to the workers.

publicans win politically, it is the

ical expression of the economic in-terests of the workers. Its defeats workers. have been their defeats and its s. By est victories their victories. It is a wage scale. cially owned and democratically invalidism and a system of commanaged.

italist class, the only reliance left eases, accidents and death. the workers is that of their economic organizations and their polithey may resist successfully the capitalist class, breaking the fetters of wage slavery, and fit them income tax, the increase of the selves for the future society, rates of the present corporation Under this system the working which is to displace the capitalist system. The Socialist party appreciates the full significance of tion to the nearness of kin—the class organization and urges the proceeds of these taxes to be emaround with court decisions, in- wage earners, the useful farmers junctions and unjust laws, and is and all other useful workers everchy of wealth. Under it also the pledge ourselves to support the substitution of collective ownerchildren of the working class are toilers of the fields as well as ship, with direct reward to invendoomed to ignorance, drudging those in the shops, factories and tors by premiums or royalties.

from capitalist oligarchy to in-

As measures calculated to lation enacted by congress. program:

1. The collective ownership and democratic management of rail-suffrage in the District of Columother social means of transporta- local affairs. tion and communication and of all 11. The extension of democratic

Nor has this plutocracy been se-or the federal government of all measures for general education, riously restrained or even threat-grain elevators, stock yards, stor-and particularly for vecational age warehouses and other distrib-uting agencies, in order to reduce the present extortionate cost of

developement of natural resources for the use and benefit of the peo-

timber protection. (b) By the reclamation of arid department. and swamp tracts. (c) By the storage of flood wa-

(d) By the stoppage of the present extravigant waste of the soil and of the products of mines and

way and waterway systems. 5. The collective ownership of injunctions.

land wherever practicable, and in cases where such ownership 's inijustice. practicable the appropriation by taxation of the annual rental val-ue of all lands held for speculation

We denounce this outgrown system as incompetent and corrupt, and the source of unspeakable misery and suffering to the whole working class.

Under this system the industrial agencies. It has also the added prestige which established custom prestige which established custom caused by the misrule of the capital course of the capital course of the capital custom caused by the misrule of the capital custom capital c

The conservation of haman re-

1. By shortening the workday

and effective organization, the 8. By securing a more effective workers will have the power to inspection of workshops, factories-

4. By forbidding the employ-All political parties are the ex- ment of children under 16 years

5. By the co-operative organi-

6. By forbidding the interstate. italist groups. However they re-sult, these conflicts have no issue child labor, of convict labor or the awarding of contracts to so-oper-

7. By abolishing the profit sys capitalist class that is victorious tem in government works and a substituting either the direct hire. The Socialist party is the polit- of labor or the awarding of con-

8. By establishing manimum

party founded on the science and laws of social development. It by and substituting a non-contri-proposes that, since all social ne-butory system of old-age pencessities today are socially pro- | sions, a general system of insurduced, the means of their produc- ance by the state of all its memtion and distribution shall be so- bers against unemployment and pulsory insurance by employers In the face of the economic and of their workers, without cost to political aggresssions of the cap- the latter, against industrial dis-

> . . . . . POLITICAL DEMANDS.

1. The absolute freedom of press speech and assemblage. 2. The adoption of a graduated tax and the extention of inheritployed in the socialization of in-

dustry. 3. The abolition of the monopoly

frage for men and women. portional representation, nation-

6. The abolition of the senate well as the failure or the triumph and veto power of the president. 7. The election of the president.

8. The abolition of the power usurped by the Supreme Court of the United States to pass upon the constitutionality of the legisstrengthen the working class in tional laws to be repealed only by

restrictions upon the amendment of the constitution, so that that cate and pledge ourselves and our instrument may be made amendable by a majority of the voters in a majority of the states.

roads, wire and wireless tele-graphs and telephones, express rees, and a democratic form of service, steamboat lines and all municipal government for purely

territory.
12. The enactment of further: education in useful pursuits. The bureau of education to be made a

government to all United States

department.
18. The enactment of further measures for the conservation of domain to include mines, quarries, health. The creation of an inde-oil wells, forests and water pow-er. 4. The further conservation and full liberty for all schools of prac-

14. The separation of the present bureau of labor from the department of commerce and labor, and its elevation to the rank of a

15. Abolition of the federal district courts and the United States ters and the utilization of water circuit courts of appeals. State courts to have jurisdiction in all cases arising between citizens and foreign corporations. The election of all judges for short

> 16. The immediate curbing of the power of the courts to issue-

> 18. The calling of a convention for the revision of the constitution of the United States.

6. The collective ownership and democratic management of the may be able to force from capital-

THE SOCIALIST PLATFORM--READ IT.

The Socialist party of the Unit-d States declares that the capi-The capitalist class, tho' few in and at not less than the prevailtalist system has outgrown its historical function and has become utterly incapable of meeting tive and judicial. This class owns ment bureaus; to lend money to the machinery of gathering and states and municipalities without

ces exacted for tools and machinery, and by extortionate rent, freight rates and storage charges Capitalist concentration is mercilessly crushing the class of small business men and driving its members into the ranks of the propertyless wage-workers. The overwhelming majority of the people of America are being forced under a yoke of bondage by this soulless industrial despotism.

It is this capitalist system that slums, child labor, most of the insanity, crime and prostitution, and much of the disease that af-

sned by any Republican or Democratic executive. It has continued to grow in power and insolence a-

and Taft.

Chaffee Sunday.

Oran, Mo.

Anton Miederhoff, ir., of Benton and married, committed suicide

Westrich and wife of Kelso, and

parish, attended church here Sun-day. Monday noon by taking a large lief to the farmers and general dose of carbolic acid. It is said consumers are juggled and trans-

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Haefler of the Mr. Gavin purchased the acid at

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The Kicker

Whether the Democrats or Re ative groups of workers.

mines of the nation in their 4. Unrestricted and equal sufservers are appalled at them, the working class party in this new referendum and recall and of pro-legislative representatives of the struggle for freedom lies the de-Republican, Democratic and all re- feat or triumph of the common ally as well as locally. form parties remain the faithful people of all economic groups, as ures designed to secure to the of popular government. Thus the wage earners of this nation as Socialist party is the party of the and the vice-president by the dihumane and just treatment as is present day revolution, which rect vote of the people already enjoyed by the wage marks the transition from econo- 8. The abolition of mic individualism to Socialism,

its fight for the realization of its act of congress or by a referend-ultimate aim, the co-operative um vote of the whole people. commonwealth, and to increase 9. The abolition of the present its power of resistance against has driven these two old parties capitalist oppression, we advoelected officers to the following

large-scale industries.

2. The immediate acquirement by the municipalities, the states

(a) By scientific forestation and

oil wells. (e) By the development of high-